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Photography of Moscow/Fili Airframe Plant No. 23, the production site of the Bison aircrafts taken in July, August and September 1959 reveals the height of Building No. 1 (see Figure 1) is being increased.

Construction appears to have begun between 21 May and 29 July 1959, (see Figure 2) and was still underway on 1 September 1959, the date of the last photography.

Building No. 1 was formerly used as a final assembly building and is estimated to be 365 by 350 feet, giving a floor area of approximately 128,000 square feet. The building consists of three bays with each bay having a door about 98 feet wide and 30 feet high.

Final assembly of the Bison aircraft required a building with structural columns about 200 feet apart. Final assembly of Bison, therefore, could not be accomplished in Building No. 1 and was carried out in Building No. 15. Inasmuch as production of Bison was taking place for three and a half years before the new construction on Building No. 1 began, the new construction apparently is not connected with production of the Bison. Furthermore, the new construction has not slowed up production of Bison.

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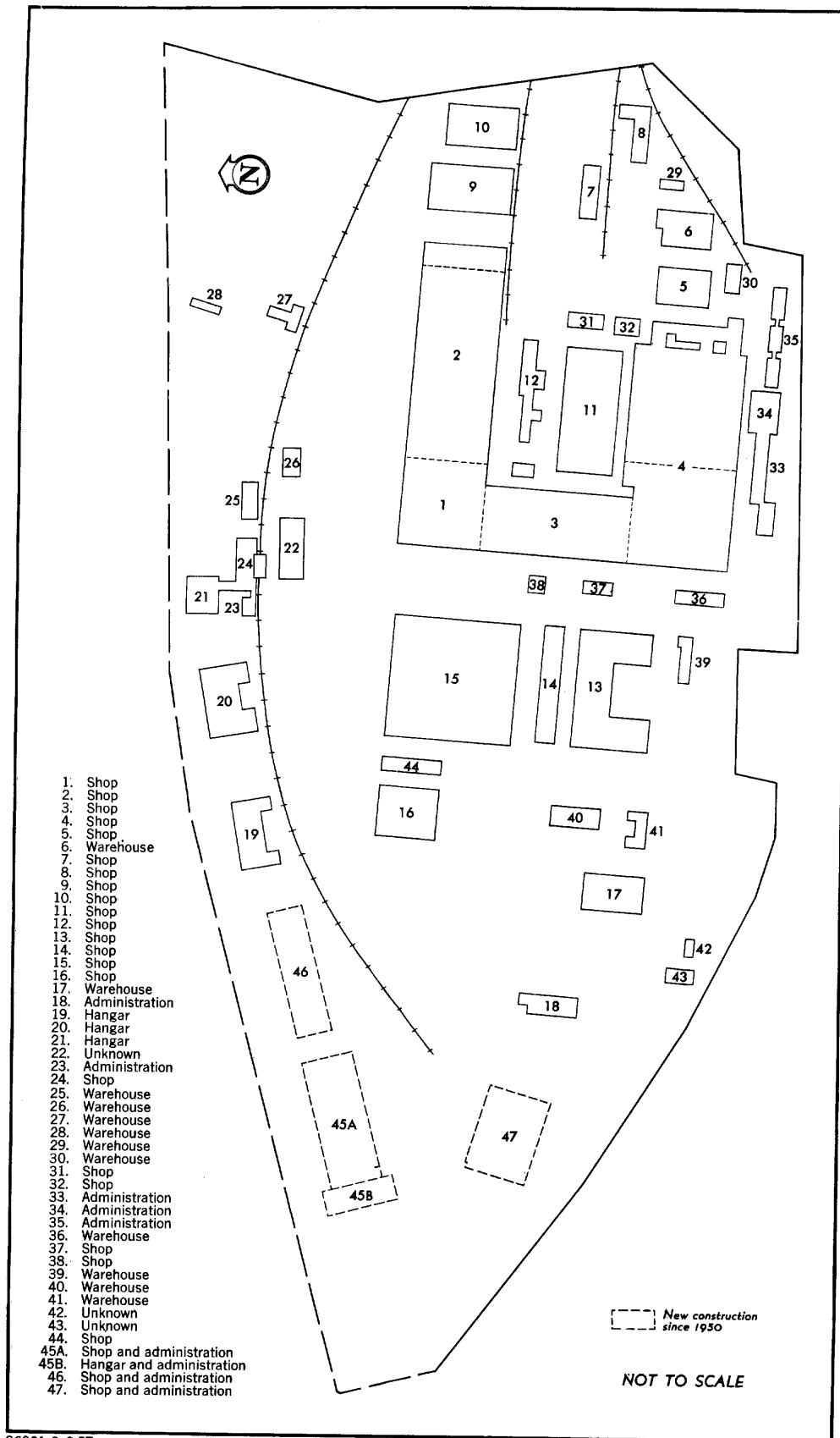
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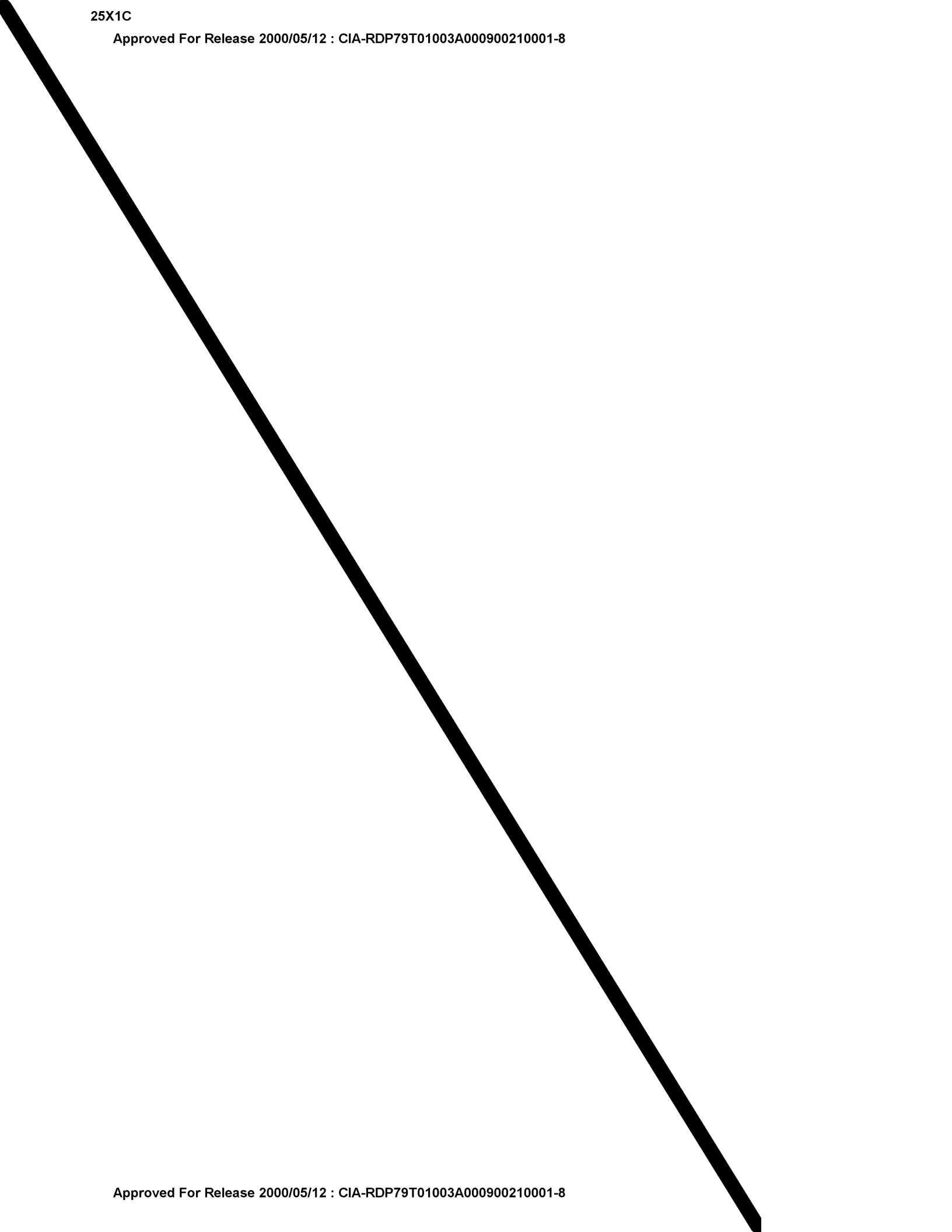
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